

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Request for Continue Examination.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11-14, 16-25, 27-37, 39-51, 53-55, now renumbered 1-41.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☒ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/14/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
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9. ☐ Other _____.


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jens Jenkins (Reg. No. 44803) on May 5th 2005.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having instructions stored thereon for execution by a processor to perform a method comprising:

receiving a message in a queue that is associated with a plurality of triggers having a trigger ordering, each trigger comprising one or more rules and grouping the one or more rules such that any rule ordering of the one or more rules is independent of the trigger ordering, each trigger further comprising an enabled state and a disabled state, each rule specifying a condition and an action, where the action specified by each rule is variable from rule to rule;

for each trigger associated with the queue, in the order of the trigger ordering of the plurality of triggers, checking whether the condition specified by each of the one or more rules of and grouped by the trigger is satisfied by the message only when the trigger is in the enabled state; and,

upon determining that the condition of the rule is satisfied by the message, performing the action specified by the rule.

Claim 15. (Cancelled)

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) A transactional message system comprising:

at least one queue, each queue capable of receiving a plurality of messages;

a trigger store of ~~at least one trigger~~ comprising a plurality of ordered triggers, each trigger associated with a queue, having a switchable enabled/disabled state switched to one of an enabled state and a disabled state, and each trigger grouping a plurality of rules in the trigger, each rule, at least, specifying a condition and specifying an action, and the action specified by each rule is capable of being different for each rule; and,

a trigger service configured to, at least, upon receipt of a message in a queue, for each trigger associated with the queue, if the switchable enabled/disabled state of the trigger is in the enabled state, check the condition specified by each rule grouped by the trigger for satisfaction by the message, such that the action specified by the rule is performed upon satisfaction by the message of the condition specified by the rule.

Claim 26. (Cancelled)

Claim 36. (Currently Amended) A computer for inclusion into a transactional message system comprising:

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at least one queue, each queue capable of receiving a plurality of messages;
a trigger store of at least one trigger, each trigger comprising an enabled state and a disabled state, each trigger further being associated with a queue and each trigger grouping at least one rule in the trigger, each rule, at least, specifying a condition and specifying an action, and the action specified by each rule is capable of being different for each rule;

a trigger manager configured to, at least, provide for creating, editing and deleting of triggers and rules grouped in triggers in a visual, non-programming manner; and,

means for, upon receipt of a message in a queue, for each trigger associated with the queue, checking the condition specified by each rule grouped by the trigger for satisfaction by the message only when the trigger is in the enabled state, and performing the action specified by the rule upon satisfaction by the message of the condition specified by the rule.

Claim 48. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method performable within a transactional message system comprising:

receiving a transactional message in a queue associated with a plurality of triggers having a trigger order, each trigger comprising a switchable enabled/disabled state and a set of rules and grouping the set of rules such that any ordering of the set of rules is independent of the trigger order, the set of rules comprising a set of checked rules having a rule order independent of non-checked rules, and each rule specifying a condition and an action, where the action specified by each rule is variable from rule to rule, and wherein the set of rules grouped by the trigger is checked for satisfaction only if the switchable enabled/disabled state of the trigger is in an enabled state; and

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for each trigger associated with the queue, in the trigger order of the plurality of triggers, and for each checked rule of the trigger in the rule order of the set of checked rules grouped by the trigger:

- (a) checking if the message satisfies the condition specified by the checked rule; and
- (b) if the message does satisfy the condition specified by the checked rule then performing the action specified by the checked rule.

Claim 52. (Cancelled)

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Diem K. Cao whose telephone number is (571) 272-3760. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:30AM - 1:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist at 571-272-2100.

Due to the realignment of WG 2120, effective March 20, 2005, AU 2126 will become AU 2194

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